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To the US government - you need to do whatever it takes to keep Microsoft in this country. They could do like American Express has done, or like Pinnacle West has done and move the operations to India. This takes you out of the picture. They could just move north less than 200 miles and you are out of the picture and what would you do for software to run your computers? What would I do? What would the people who haven't used their brains that are pushing for this do for software? Lets realize that many people would not be employed today if it were not for what Microsoft has done.

While I realize that your efforts protect me and others in the industry, please consider that the money Microsoft has spent on this means that I pay more for their products and I pay more taxes. Any company must make a profit and if you cost them money, they must pass it on to the consumer. My taxes pay your salary! So lets work out a compromise that keeps Microsoft in the country.

If you want to prosecute someone or a company look to companies that hire consultants from India or Pakistan or the Philippines or Australia. They say its because of a lack of qualified applicants. That is a lie. Why can I say that? I work for a company that hires consultants from India and the last two openings that were posted had over 87 qualified applicants after very careful screening. There are literally over a thousand computer programmers in the Phoenix area alone looking for work and you and I mean you allow companies to hire consultants from another country and the money flows back to that country. It doesn't help the US or the local economy. This slowly erodes our society - it is done slow - it is done subtle - you are fooled - the communities are ruined forever. Why are the communities ruined? People go bankrupt - they are ruined over greed. And who cares about a few people? Well let this continue and it may be you. Think of the teachers from India teaching your school children! What American history, or perspective can they give your school child?

This goes on - do you have the integrity to do something about it?